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dentro de los ciento ochenta (180) días siguientes a la fecha en que ocurrió la supuesta discriminación.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) coordinates transportation planning in the High Point urbanized area. The members of the MPO are High Point, Archdale, Jamestown, Thomasville, Trinity, Wallburg Forsyth County, Guilford County, Randolph County and Davidson County and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The City of High Point serves as the Lead Planning Agency for the MPO.

The LRTP is a tool for guiding transportation decisions. Federal law requires that transportation projects planned for the next twenty years in the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) must be consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP integrates long-term and short-term concerns across modes, including air, bicycle, freight, highways, pedestrian, and transit. It tries to balance operations and maintenance with construction, management and environmental issues. It supports the efficient movement of people and goods, while considering economic, social, and environmental goals and constraints. The plan emphasized links between modes and continuity to transportation systems outside the MAB. The LRTP is consistent with local land use plans and conforms to the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This plan is an update of the earlier Long Range Transportation Plan for the High Point urbanized area approved in February 2009. The planning assumptions used for the accompanying Transportation Conformity Analysis report have been reviewed by MPO staff and are considered valid. The MPO updated its assumptions using data collected for the purpose and available 2010 Census data.

Federal Law requires that the MPO consider eight planning factors when developing transportation plans and programs. Section 3 discusses the planning factors. A map of the metropolitan area boundary is on the next page.

Improved, features in this transportation plan include:

- A bilingual compliance statement for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Revised background section
- Revised Highway Element
  - More information on project schedules
  - Individual Project Maps
  - A Section Discussing Illustrative Projects
- Revised Freight Section
- Revised Rail Section
- Improved citations of information sources

## ***1.1 Integrating New Members***

Federal regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations review their boundaries after each U. S. Census. The 2010 Census did not require that the High Point MPO make changes to either its boundaries or to our governing documents. However, conditions outside our boundaries led us to change our boundary and to add two new members. The Bureau of Census added the Town of Lexington to the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area. However, because of its unusual position, near both High Point and Winston-Salem, the Lexington Town Council asked to be included in the High Point MPO rather than the Winston-Salem MPO. After Lexington made its request the Davidson County Commission asked the High Point MPO also accept the remainder of Davidson County into the MPO. Because of Davidson County's request we also need to include the Town of Denton as a voting member. At its regularly scheduled November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting the MPO's Board of Directors (the Transportation Advisory Committee) approved these additions.

Beginning with our January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 meeting we will add Denton and Lexington as voting members of our Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). They will have full participation at that time but will not begin paying MPO dues until July of 2013.<sup>1</sup> In addition staff has included high priority projects from both towns in this Long Range Transportation Plan so that these projects can be included in our next Transportation Needs List, due to NCDOT in 2013. Both projects are included as illustrative projects meaning that the MPO is not assured of the money needed to build them.

## ***1.2 Illustrative Projects***

In section 2 (BACKGROUND) and Section 5 (FINANCIAL CAPACITY) the MPO discusses the how much money we will have over the next twenty years to build the system that we believe we need. It is clear from this discussion, as well as from the year by year delays in project schedule in the North Carolina State Transportation Improvement program that there is not enough money to complete the envisioned plan. It is also clear that despite our best efforts conditions twenty years from now will be much different from those we foresee. The deal with these two uncertainties the MPO has decided to develop a list of Illustrative Projects like the one described in 23 U.S.C. 135(e)(4). We have included the illustrative projects in tables and maps beyond our design year (2035).

If you have questions about this report, please call the High Point Department of Transportation at 336-883-3225.

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<sup>1</sup> One reason to include Denton and Lexington now is so that their budgets will include the MPO's dues for Fiscal 2013-2014. Dues are assessed quarterly, based on work accomplished, in October, December, January, and June.